

## BAILEY IS BARRED FROM LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATORS

Texas's Trouble Prevents Him From Succeeding Blackburn—Who Will Get Place?

Senatorial gossip is agreed that Senator Bailey of Texas will not become the leader of the Democratic minority in the upper chamber after March 4. The post was assumed, till very recently, to be Bailey's. Last spring, following the death of Senator Gorman, the Democrats were ready to name Bailey, who seemed to be the natural heir to it. But Bailey did not want the place at that time. He could have had it for the asking, but would not ask. Senator Blackburn of Kentucky was about to retire after a long and notable service, and his friends, among them Senator Bailey, felt that the compliment of selection as leader was due to him.

So the Kentuckian was named, and has held the reins ever since. With how much skill he has managed the party's interests is suggested when it is recalled that he introduced the Blackburn amendment to the Brownsville resolution that came so near causing a schism in the Republican majority. Bailey is out of it. Senator Blackburn will retire from the Senate March 4, and at the next session the Democrats must agree upon a new leader. It seems to be generally assumed that Bailey will not ask the position, and doubts are expressed whether he could secure it if he asked. The legislative investigation just being opened at Austin may have an important bearing on this question. If Bailey's case, as presented there, justifies the decision in his favor, there is little doubt that he will have a strong following for the leadership. If, on the other hand, the facts of complete exonerated, there will quite certainly be opposition to his selection as leader.

Senator Culberson, also of Texas, is discussed as a likely man for the succession of Blackburn, but there is some uncertainty whether he would care to take the place from Bailey under the circumstances. Friends of both have naturally felt a delicacy about suggesting the possibility of rivalry between the two Texans. Senator Daniel of Virginia, orator, veteran Senator, parliamentarian of excellent standing, and party man of the best rank, is discussed, and so is Bacon of Georgia.

Tillman is mentioned. Tillman's name is always mentioned, and almost always with the qualifying phrase, "but, of course"—which means that nobody dreams that Tillman would assume the leadership, and that if he did he would be far less useful than he is now.

If Edward Ward Carmack were not retiring he would very likely have afforded the solution in this juncture. Senator Morgan of Alabama might be the leader; indeed, he would be the logical man for it, above all others, if his age and manifold conflicting interests did not stand in the way.

Governor of North Carolina, McLaurin of Mississippi, and Royner of Maryland all come naturally into discussions of the leadership, though Senator Royner's short Senatorial service makes him impossible. His brilliant work has none the less won him a recognition that nobody qualifies. The general belief, however, seems to be that Daniel, Culberson, or Bacon is likely to be named.

## DE ARMOND TALKS OF CONSTITUTIONS

"Constitutional Conventions," was the subject of an address by Representative David A. De Armond of Missouri before the meeting of the Missouri Society in Pythian Temple last night. In his address Mr. De Armond discussed methods of amending the Constitution of the United States to conform to modern conventions. He has made a study of this subject and his talk was interesting to the audience who filled the hall at Pythian Temple.

Miss Alice Deane sang a solo. She was accompanied on the piano by Madame Euphonia Daly. A piano solo was also given by Miss Josephine Tolman. Late in the evening refreshments were served.

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## Suicidal Tide Is Rising; Gen. Booth Has a Remedy For Stopping Self-Murder

Commander of Salvation Army Would Supply Friendless With a Friend, Broken Heart With Comfort, and the Dazed With a Guide.

The act of self-destruction is a violation of the sacredness of life, the law of the land and an outrage upon the moral sense of the people. Suicide is indefensible.

Yet it is on the increase in every land and among all classes. Modern civilization cannot claim it has fostered and developed the bonds that bind men to a just appreciation of life. Statistics of suicides are alarming, especially in such countries as Denmark, Bavaria, and several parts of the German empire. But no doubt many more perish by their own act whose names never appear in the statistical roll of suicides.

The offense is either committed in a way that baffles human skill in its effort to determine the cause of death, or means are found by influential friends to hide away the crime. But if so many with suicidal intent find courage for the sad deed, who can calculate the number who would cut the sacred thread of life which binds them to this world if they only dared? Nay, how many of the gay, laughing crowds around us have at one time or another contemplated suicide; and how many this very day would hurry away from the present stage of being but for an indefinable dread of the future? I believe the number is larger than most people have the slightest conception of.

Causes of Suicide. As to the causes that lead to suicide, they are numberless. No doubt "temporary insanity," the reason commonly assigned by the gentlemen who are so often called upon to inquire into the matter, is frequently the correct one. For who, not worked up to some terrible pitch of excitement tantamount to mental derangement, would commit so foolish a deed?

But how does that derangement come about? What is behind it?

The reasons commonly suggested are drink, speculation, dissipation, gambling and similar follies. These things

lead, it is said, to all sorts of disappointments and vexations, under the influence of which weak, ill-balanced, passionate and unassisted minds give way, ending only too often in the deadly recourse to poison, the water, the revolver, or the rope.

But further back in the string of causes for this melancholy transaction I should say there too frequently lies a sense of failure in the struggle of life, especially in the case with those who have "come down in the world."

With many I believe the step is taken in the struggle to be good—in the vain effort to master some hated evil habit with the sense of utter friendliness. No one is at hand with sufficient sympathy or sense to understand them to whom the poor bleeding heart can be laid bare. So the fatal step is taken. Suicide in ninety cases out of a hundred must be the triumph of despair.

Is there any remedy? Like the antidote to every human sorrow, the remedy must begin with pity. It is true that self-murder is an evil thing. But it is only so many degrees worse than other evil things men do, by which they kill themselves as surely as does the man who reeling beneath the weight of his distress, in a frenzied madness flings himself beneath the wheels of the roaring railway train.

Can Anything Be Done? For example, what about people that drink or eat or idle themselves to death? But I will not argue the cause; can anything be done to prevent the suicidal tide from rising?

That is the practical question, and it seems to me we must supply the friendless with a friend, the broken in heart with comfort, the dazed, bewildered creatures with a guide, the momentary madmen with a steady hand, and above all lead them to the arms of Him, who is still saying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

## KENTUCKY CLUB HOLDS RECEPTION

Republican Members of Congress and Others at Gathering.

The Kentucky Republican Club tendered a reception to the present Republican Members of Congress from Kentucky, and also to the two new Members, last night at Grand Army Hall. A large number of the club members with their wives and daughters were present, as were also many visiting friends. Col. George Baber, president of the club, in an eloquent opening address, made known the purpose of the meeting.

Addresses were made by Representative D. C. Edwards, Representative-elect John W. Langer, Luther M. Walter, and Col. John A. Joyce, Representative J. B. Bennett was called to his home in Kentucky on account of the high waters there, which prevented him being present. The fourth member of the Republican end of the delegation, Dr. A. L. James was not able to remain over for the meeting.

Vocal solos by Mrs. Jessie Spencer Hoover, and selections by the Rebekah Orchestra, added to the enjoyment of the evening. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

The committees having charge of the affair were as follows: Reception, A. L. Clothier, Luther M. Walter, Ben A. Lineback, M. F. West, Byron Richards, Theodore F. Langley, J. N. Shawhan, C. A. Conrad; program, Milo Shanks, Harry Giovannoli; hall, W. R. Layne, Alfred Hardesty; refreshments, John Speed Smith, Jackson Morris.

## HOUSE SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION BILL

Re-enacts Agricultural Appropriation Measure Governing All Meats.

Presumably fearing that some Philadelphia lawyer might appear and declare that the meat inspection provision tacked on to the agricultural appropriation bill last year was not permanent legislation, the House yesterday afternoon re-enacted the provision without a dissenting voice. The only change was the insertion of a word so as to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to "hereafter" inspect meats and meat products.

What might be taken as a test vote on the free seed proposition came over a motion to adjourn. The free seed advocates wanted a vote on the amendment, which had been reached, but adjournment was carried 73 to 69. The item of \$53,000 for the erection of five observatories for the Weather Bureau was stricken from the bill. The appropriation of \$50,000 for horse breeding experiments was cut in two. Representative Curtis of Kansas was given a rousing reception when he appeared on the floor. He has just been elected United States Senator.

GETS \$1,000 FOR A FINGER. PARIS, Jan. 26.—The Paris courts have just awarded a lady 5,000 francs (\$1,000) as compensation for the loss of a finger. She was alighting from a train which had not been brought up properly alongside the platform, when her finger got caught in a strap of the carriage door.

## TOUR TO OLD MEXICO A 30-DAY OUTING

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Leaves February 7 Via Pennsylvania Railroad SPECIAL PULLMAN TRAIN Under Personal Escort Application Should Be Made at Once As the party is limited and the membership almost complete. For descriptive itineraries giving full information and rates, apply to Ticket Agents, B. M. Newbold, Passenger Agent Southeastern District, N. E. Cor. Fifteenth and G streets, Washington, or address

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## PASTORS VISITING AT ALEXANDRIA

New Faces Will Be Seen Today in Pulpits of Churches.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JAN. 26. A number of the Alexandria churches will have their pulpits filled by visiting clergymen tomorrow. At the First Baptist Church the Rev. Richard Riedel, of Washington, will occupy the pulpit, taking the place of the Rev. Dr. Fisher, the pastor, who is absent in Hagerstown, Md. At St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Father O'Horo will preach at both the 10:30 o'clock mass and at the vesper service at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. At Christ Protestant Episcopal Church the Rev. W. J. Morton, the pastor, will preach at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to the children of the congregation.

Judge Barley Qualifies. Judge Louis C. Barley qualified today as judge of the corporation court. Judge Barley was last year re-elected judge of the corporation court of Alexandria by the Legislature for a period of six years from February 1, 1907.

Insurance Rates Up. A circular has been issued by the Southeastern Tariff Association, stating that the insurance rates will be advanced not less than 25 per cent to persons in whose buildings trolley wires current is run for power or lighting purposes. A number of Alexandrians have been using trolley current, but with the opening of the new Alexandria electric works, but few persons are now using it.

Masons Visit Lodge. Dr. T. E. Cochran, accompanied by the officers of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, last evening paid a fraternal visit to Kemper Lodge of Free Masons, at Falls Church. After the Master Mason's degree had been explained the visitors were handsomely entertained by the members of Kemper Lodge.

Pension Commissioners. Judge Barley has reappointed J. M. Johnson, J. C. Milburn, and F. J. Davidson, Confederate Pension Commissioners for the city of Alexandria.

Mankin-Cash Wedding. Miss Odessa P. Mankin and Charles H. Cash were married at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church South last evening by the Rev. C. D. Bula.

## MESSAGE FROM LORD FOR THE PRESIDENT

Edward Carr, a Virginia negro, called at the White House yesterday afternoon to see President Roosevelt. He claimed to have a message from the Lord for the President. He was arrested and sent to Police Headquarters. No weapon was found on the prisoner, who is thought to be demented.

## SLAVES TO OPIUM MAY GET CURED

Jungle Plant Discovered Causes Movement Against Drug.

SINGAPORE, Jan. 26.—A fierce war is being waged against the curse of opium in the Malay states with the aid of jungle plant, which has been found to be inimical to the terrible habit. The anti-opium properties of the plant, which were discovered by accident, make it easier for the opium slave to break away from the habit, and remove the pains which usually accompany any attempt to abandon it.

The discovery of this cure has led to a great anti-opium movement in the Malay states, headed by the various Christian missions. A dispensary was established at one mission, and thousands of opium-slaves flocked thither to be freed from their bondage.

As a result, the opium trade, which is a government monopoly, has decreased in a remarkable manner, and the remedy is being distributed all over the Malay Peninsula and the Straits Settlements. Now the Chinese merchants, the richest class in the Peninsula, are trying to get the government to restrict the sale of opium to medicinal uses.

## WANTS TO INVESTIGATE N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Representative Livingston of Georgia and Representative Burleson of Texas introduced in the House yesterday a resolution directing the Bureau of Corporations to investigate the New York Cotton Exchange, with a view of ascertaining whether it has violated any of the interstate commerce laws.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CO. OFFERS TWO GOOD CARS

The Washington Electric Vehicle Company, Fifteenth street and Ohio avenue, will devote its exhibit at the Auto Show to two models of gasoline cars and two of electric-four models in all. The high-powered Columbia, Mark XLIX, 40-horsepower gasoline car for 1907, embodies detailed changes in design, and a few radical substitutions which elevate it to a leading position among cars—European or American. This car will be held up with the cars of the world, and comparison is invited. Without any qualifying deductions the Columbia, Mark XLIX, is offered as eminently worthy and typical of the best in American motor car building. The 24-horsepower Columbia for 1907, which made so distinguished a place for itself last year, has been changed only in a few details of design and construction. As a medium powered, light weight, fast car of five passenger capacity, it is recognized as a complete success. The flexibility of its running from four to fifty miles on the high gear—is remarkable. The special excellence of Columbia coach work has long been appreciated. Only a few of the London and French coach builders produce bodies the equal of Columbia in design, workmanship, and luxury of appointments. These body designs have set the fashion each year, and the 1907 models awakened the greatest admiration at the New York show.

VALUABLE FARTHING. Some valuable farthings were sold at Sotheby's auction rooms (London) recently. A Charles II. penny farthing sold for \$50, and an Oliver Cromwell farthing in copper for \$45.

## Crowds Attend the Louvre Glove Co.'s Great Ten-day REDUCTION SALE

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Ladies' \$2.50 8-button, black, white, and tan gloves	\$1.75
Ladies' \$3.00 12-button Gloves, in black, tan, and white	\$2.25
Ladies' \$3.50 16-button Gloves, in all shades, for street and evening wear	\$2.75
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Lot of \$1.50 Odd Wash Waists. Sale price	75c
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Lot of Children's 25c and 35c Hose, 2 pair for	25c
Lot of \$1.50 Neckwear. Sale prices	25c and 35c
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